



First Quarter – March 2014

GTC UPDATE

‘The God Who Is There’ launches at St Michaels and All Angels in Edgemean

THE PARISH of St Michael’s and All Angels in Edgemean (Saldanha Bay) is recharging their small group program and requested training in ‘The God Who Is There,’ a discipleship course inspired by Rooted in Jesus.

‘The God Who Is There’ consists of three books—*Beyond Ourselves*, *Shining Like Stars*, and *The New Community*—and is suited for our urban, fast-paced, hectic lives.

If you are interested in finding out more about ‘The God Who Is There’ (TGWIT) or are interested in having your parish or archdeaconry trained in the program, please visit GtC’s [TGWIT page](#). ●



Left: Estelle Adams launches TGWIT with Book 1, *Beyond Ourselves*.
Right: The Revd Trevor Pearce giving one of the TGWIT talks.

Some comments made by trainees:

“Having enjoyed the enthusiasm and commitment of the GTC team to this course and the training given, I was a bit unsure if the course was a bit basic or too close to Alpha. *How wrong I was!* The training directed us to an opportunity of taking the course as perhaps a refresher for committed folk, as well as a good introduction to our faith. Last night we started our first session with a bang. All enjoyed it and found themselves quite inspired and re-energised. People can’t wait for the next session and to meet old and new friends again. The course manuals are very helpful, and the leader’s manual is quite easy to follow. As a leader, the manual helped me direct our time together and following the direction given, helped tremendously in making the evening a time of fun where everyone felt they were included.”

- **Allan Marshall**

This course is for those who are seeking, for new Christians and mature seasoned Christians. It slowly adds layers with simple questions that build up deeper and deeper with meaning. It is a course where everyone is of equal importance and where everyone's opinion counts. The course is stimulating and uplifting and openly encourages the people attending to let the Holy Spirit mentor and guide them. That is why there is no need for a leader, only a facilitator and guide. Bonds and a feeling of love and open sharing are fruits that grow very quickly. All you need is a willing heart and a willing spirit to leave your pre-conceptions at the door - for truly God is in control.

- **Nigel and Gwen Burns**

I went to the training not knowing what to expect. God had a reason why I was there. I found that the experience made me do introspection about my walk with God and in that short time I learnt so much. This is without even having really gone through the book yet! I was even gifted with a new anointing while doing the course. Thank you, Jesus. I really think that this is a course that anyone, regardless of where you are at spiritually, should do. Get ready for miracles and wonders!!!!

- **Tracey Douglas** ●

National Rooted in Jesus Conference, Tanzania

In November GtC’s Estelle Adams, who serves as the Rooted in Jesus Coordinator for Southern Africa, attended the National Rooted in Jesus Conference, which was held in Tanzania. Estelle reported that in little more than a year, GtC has held eight training conferences attended by 575 leaders, and the current RinJ groups are providing much encouraging feedback.

“RinJ is simple but powerful,” she said; “but it changes people’s hearts and lives because it addresses the whole person.” Estelle also shared with conference attendees the inspiring story of how a RinJ group in Manenberg, Cape Town, had responded to the violence of gang warfare in their community and had seen an element of peace for a time return to their neighbourhood.